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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 2092

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: REMARKS OF TONY FRANJIYAH

1. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFF ON APRIL 11, DEPUTY TONY FRANJIYAH, SON OF FORMER PRESIDENT SULAYMAN FRANJIYAH, SAID THE FOLLOWING:
2. HE HAD MET WITH RIF'AT AL ASSAD IN DAMASCUS ON APRIL 10. BEIRUT PRESS HAD IMPLIED THAT ASSAD HAD WARNED THAT SYRIA MIGHT WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS SOON FROM LEBANON. ASSAD HAD NOT SAID EXACTLY THIS. HE HAD SAID: "WE ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE BY OUR PRESENCE IN LEBANON." ASSAD HAD, HOWEVER, GIVEN NO TIMETABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL OR ANY CONDITIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL.
3. TONY SAID THAT ASSAD HAD MAINTAINED THAT THE SYRIANS

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WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON, IF THE SAUDIS AGREED TO SUCH ACTION. ASSAD ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SAUDIS HAD CONSISTENTLY ADVISED THE SYRIANS TO TAKE NO STRONG MEASURES AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON.

4. THE ADF HAD ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN RESTORING ORDER

IN AYN AR-RUMANNAH AND SHIYAH ON APRIL 11, WHEN IT HAD TRIED TO CLEAR A ZONE ABOUT 20 METERS WIDE ON EACH SIDE OF THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN AYN AR-RUMANNAH AND SHIYAH, TONY SAID. PEOPLE FROM A PHALANGE OFFICE, HOWEVER, HAD FIRED ON THE SYRIAN TROOPS AND THE FIGHTING HAD RESUMED. THE EVENING OF APRIL 11, CHRISTIANS HAD KIDNAPPED ABOUT SEVEN PEOPLE FROM SHIYAH.

5. PIERRE GENAYEL WAS SINCERE IN ISSUING A CALL FOR A CEASE-FIRE, BUT MANY PHALANGE FIGHTERS DID NOT HEED THE ORDERS OF THE SENIOR PARTY LEADERSHIP, TONY SAID. THE NLP FIGHTERS WERE "MORE DISCIPLINED."

6. WHEN THE SYRIANS FIRST INTERVENED ON APRIL 9, THEY HAD DONE SO ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS, ENGAGING BOTH LEBANESE LEFTISTS AND CHRISTIANS. AFTER THE FIRING FROM THE PHALANGE OFFICE ON APRIL 11, HOWEVER, THE SYRIANS HAD FOCUSED SIMPLY ON POUNDING AYN AR-RUMANNAH.

7. TONY FEARED THAT IF THE FIGHTING WERE NOT CONTAINED SHORTLY, IT WOULD SPREAD TO OTHER AREAS OF LEBANON.

8. TONY BELIEVED THE SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON WAS UNLIKELY TO TAKE CONFIDENTIAL

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PLACE, BECAUSE SUNNI DEPUTIES WOULD BOYCOTT THE SESSION. HE THOUGHT ABOUT HALF OF THE SHI'A DEPUTIES WOULD SHOW UP.

9. RESOLUTION 425 WAS UNBALANCED, TONY SAID. IT FAILED TO DEAL WITH THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON. IT ALSO TALKED ONLY ABOUT RESTORING LEBANESE AUTHORITY IN SOUTH LEBANON, BUT NOT IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. (THIS IS STANDARD LEBANESE FRONT LINE.)

10. THE GOL WAS UNLIKELY TO SEND MORE THAN A TOKEN NUMBER OF LEBANESE SOLDIERS SOUTH. THE GOL HAD ENOUGH MEN AND EQUIPMENT TO DO SO, BUT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NEVER ISSUE AN ORDER FOR SIZEABLE UNITS TO GO SOUTH, BECAUSE "THE GROUND HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED POLITICALLY."
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